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# Papua New Guinea

**Ratified Agreement:** Yes

**Ratification Date:** 2018-03-07

| Implementation Notifications (Categories A, B, C) | | | Due date | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Notified all category ABC designations | | | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| A - 31.1% | B - 27.3% | C - 41.6% | **Not yet notified** - 0.0% | |
| Notified indicative dates in Category B | | | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| Notified definitive dates in Category B | | | by 22 February 2018 | Yes |
| Notified indicative dates in Category C | | | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| Notified definitive dates in Category C | | | by 22 August 2019 | Yes |
| Notified Technical Assistance requirements | | | by 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| Notified arrangements on the provision of technical assistance support | | | by 22 February 2018 | No |
| Notified progress in the provision of technical assistance support | | | by 22 August 2019 | No |

| Transparency notifications | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Notified Art. 1.4 | Category B | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2020 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 10.4.3 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2030 | No |
| Notified Art. 10.6.2 | Category A | Definitive implementation date 22 February 2017 | Yes |
| Notified Art. 12.2 | Category C | Definitive implementation date 31 December 2026 | No |

## Information on Assistance and Capacity Building

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|---|---|
| Notified Art. 22.3 | No |

**Legend:** Yes Notification presented | No Notification due | No Notification not yet due

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.1 | Publication | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 31 December 2020 |
| 1.2 | Information available through internet | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 31 December 2024 |
| 1.3 | Enquiry points | C | by 22 February 2021 | by 31 December 2021 |
| 1.4 | Notification | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 31 December 2020 |
| 2.1 | Comments and information before entry into force | B | by 22 February 2021 | by 31 December 2021 |
| 2.2 | Consultations | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 31 July 2021 |
| 3 | Advance rulings | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 4 | Procedures for appeal or review | B | by 01 February 2019 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 5.1 | Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections | C | by 22 February 2021 | by 31 December 2024 |
| 5.2 | Detention | B | by 22 February 2019 | by 28 February 2020 |
| 5.3 | Test procedures | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 6.1 | General disciplines on fees and charges | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 28 February 2021 |
| 6.2 | Specific disciplines on fees and charges | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 6.3 | Penalty Disciplines | A | | by 22 February 2017 |

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7.1 | Pre-arrival processing | B | by 22 February 2021 | by 31 July 2022 |
| 7.2 | Electronic payment | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 31 December 2024 |
| 7.3 | Separation of release | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.4 | Risk management | C | by 22 February 2021 | by 31 December 2025 |
| 7.5 | Post-clearance audit | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.6 | Average release times | C | by 22 February 2021 | by 31 July 2021 |
| 7.7 | Authorized operators | C | by 22 February 2021 | by 31 December 2026 |
| 7.8 | Expedited shipments | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 7.9 | Perishable goods | B | by 22 February 2020 | by 31 December 2020 |
| 8 | Border Agency Cooperation | C | by 22 February 2020 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 9 | Movement of goods | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.1 | Formalities | C | by 22 February 2023 | by 31 December 2023 |
| 10.2 | Acceptance of copies | B C»B | by 22 February 2023 | by 28 February 2020 |
| 10.3 | Use of international standards | B | by 22 February 2019 | by 31 December 2023 |

| Implementation schedule | | | Indicative implementation date | Definitive implementation date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10.4 | Single window | C | by 22 February 2023 | by 31 December 2030 |
| 10.5 | Preshipment inspection | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.6 | Use of customs brokers | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.7 | Common border procedures | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.8 | Rejected Goods | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 10.9 | Temporary admission of goods and inward and outward processing | A | | by 22 February 2017 |
| 11 | Transit | B | by 22 February 2022 | by 28 February 2020 |
| 12 | Customs cooperation | C | by 22 February 2022 | by 31 December 2026 |

**Legend**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | Notified in Cat. A | Ap | Partially notified in A | | |
| B | Notified in Cat. B | Bp | Partially notified in B | C»B | Shift from C to B |
| C | Notified in Cat. C | Cp | Partially notified in C | B»C | Shift from B to C |
| N | Not yet notified | E | Extension of time requested | | |

## Notifications and other documents

| Symbol | Date | Description |
|---|---|---|
| G/TFA/N/PNG/2 | 2025-10-28 | Articles 1.4 and 10.6.2 |

| Symbol | Date | Description |
|---|---|---|
| G/TFA/N/PNG/1/Add.1 | 2019-08-23 | Categories A, B and C - Addendum |
| G/TFA/N/PNG/1 | 2019-05-27 | Categories A, B and C notification |
| WT/PCTF/N/PNG/1 | 2016-06-08 | Category A notification |

## Technical Assistance detailled information

### 1.2 Information available through internet

C

**1.2.1 (a), (b), (c)**
**1.2.2**
**1.2.3**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2024

### Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and capacity building needed to support information collation:
1. Creation of a National trade portal where information identified in TFA Art.1.1 is made available;
2. Procurement of Software, Hardware and IT Equipment for National trade portal;
3. Upload information.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Infrastructure and equipment*

C

1.3.1
1.3.2
1.3.3
1.3.4

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2021

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31 December 2021

## Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and capacity building is also required to explain the roles and responsibilities of enquiry points. Technical assistance also required to review institutional setups and support for legislative change to give effect for the establishment of Enquiry Points (of at least two officers) in each of the following Agencies:
• PNG Customs Services
• National Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection Authority)
• National Institute for Standards and Industrial Technology (NISIT)
• Department of Trade
NAQIA and NISIT Enquiry Points will also act as bodies preparing SPS and TBT notifications respectively. (However, notifications will be made through Trade Ministry.)

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures, Human resources and training*

## 5.1 Notifications for enhanced controls or inspections

C

**5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d)**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2024

### Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance needed to support National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority and Department of Health with:
1. Current primary and secondary legislation, and the proposed Biosecurity Bill to be amended to include provisions for a TFA compatible rapid alert system for the notification of a direct or indirect risk to human, animal, or plant life or health deriving from food or feed;
2. Build a globally accessible, instantaneous, ICT based communication system for alert and information notifications linking food safety authority, National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority, and border posts (and third countries on the basis of agreements providing for reciprocity);
3. National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority and food safety authority move to strong, scientific evidence-based risk assessment systems to justify enhanced actions as well as to justify removal of enhanced controls.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework*

C

7.4.1
7.4.2
7.4.3
7.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2025

## Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and capacity building to assist with National Agriculture Quarantine Inspection Authority:
1. Existing risk management systems to be revised and made fully applied at operational level eliminating current discriminations due to arbitrary selection of cargo for inspection initially cleared under the green lane;
2. A sound compliance management regime needs to be implemented, including with respect to ASYCUDA inspection reporting module;
3. For National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority profiling based upon manifest screening to be consistent across PNG, risk-related information need to be centralized, systematically analysed, profile application centralized, etc.;
4. National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority profiling must be aligned and ultimately integrated with PNG Customs Services.
PNG Customs Services requires technical assistance for training on targeting and risk profiling.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Human resources and training*

C

7.6.1
7.6.2

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**
31 July 2021

## Assistance required for implementation

To be undertaken after ASYCUDA World has been fully appropriated and following Technical Assistance for Risk Management and PCA.
1. Through Technical Assistance Customs to develop its capacity to conduct Time Release Survey's for measuring the actual performance of its activities as they relate to trade facilitation at the border.
2. Technical assistance to be extended to NAQIA subject to deployment of ASYCUDA.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Human resources and training*

C

**7.7.1**
**7.7.2 (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (ii)**
**7.7.3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**
**7.7.4**
**7.7.5**
**7.7.6**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2021

**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2026

## Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance needed to support:
PNG Customs Services: Adopt a policy for the implementation of an AO/AEO scheme based on WCO standards (Revised Kyoto Convention and SAFE Framework of Standards). PNG Customs Services to adopt a compliance assessment program to identify operators with a high level of compliance.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework*

C

**8.1**
**8.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2020

**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2023

## Assistance required for implementation

Technical and capacity building support for:
1. PNG Customs Services and National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority to agree on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) including formal procedures of activity coordination in relation to border control;
2. Implement agreed processes and procedures, incorporating legislative change if necessary;
3. Introduce automation to National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority and an interface with the PNG Customs Services system.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework*

C

10.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d)

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2023

## Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and capacity building support for:
1. PNG Customs Services and National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority to examine their separate procedures with a view to reducing them and then agree and align their practices and procedures;
2. Consider whether legislative amendments will be required and build in the time frame for this accordingly;
3. A periodic review process needs to be put in place.

**Tags:** *Legislative and regulatory framework, Institutional procedures*

C

10.4.1
10.4.2
10.4.3
10.4.4

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2023

**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2030

## Assistance required for implementation

Technical assistance and capacity building required to:
1. Implement the Single Window feasibility study recommendations;
2. Replace document manual processing systems with automated systems (all agencies except PNG Customs Services);
3. Expedite effective implementation of ASYCUDA World that integrates all border clearance agencies;
4. Facilitate all agencies involved in border clearance and regulation of trade to jointly establish a common strategy for the phased implementation of a single window;
5. Assist the National Trade Facilitation Committee to decide on which single window model is to be implemented;
6. Implement the single window;
7. Support the process for enactment of an e-commerce legislation.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework, Diagnostic and Needs Assessment*

C

**12.1.1**
**12.1.2**
**12.2.1**
**12.2.2**
**12.3**
**12.4.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**
**12.4.2**
**12.5.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**
**12.5.2**
**12.5.3**
**12.6.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**
**12.6.2**
**12.7.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**
**12.7.2**
**12.8**
**12.9.1**
**12.9.2**
**12.10 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**
**12.11.1 (a), (b), (c)**
**12.11.2**
**12.12.1**
**12.12.2**

**Indicative date of implementation**
22 February 2022

**Definitive date of implementation**
31 December 2026

## Assistance required for implementation

PNG Customs Services to seek Technical Assistance in establishing required legislative amendment, in accordance with other domestic law, system connectivity among regional groupings, map processes and procedures required, including the establishment of an enquiry point.

**Tags:** *Information and communication technologies (ICT), Legislative and regulatory framework*

**Legend**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C | Notified in Cat. C | Cp | Partially notified in C | E | Extension of time requested |
| | Donor arrangement notified | | Donor arrangement not yet notified | | |

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